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## Drew splits from actor

## Suspect sought in sex assault

**SKETCH** The Calgary Police released a sketch of an attacker responsible for a sexual assault in the downtown core early Saturday morning.



The 22-year-old woman was approached from behind by an unknown man and thrown to the ground when she was sexually assaulted. The woman was able to kick, punch and scream until the assailant ran off.

Police are asking for the public's help in finding a man described as Aboriginal, in his mid-20s, 180 lbs and five foot seven, with straight black, chin-length hair. The man was clean-shaven with a stocky build, wearing a baseball cap, white hoodie and blue baggy jeans.

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## 'Embracing' new colours

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## Firefighter delivers boy

Stars of a Stampede evening **Celebrating 40 years**



Celebrating their 40th year, the Young Canadians are the stars of the evening Grandstand Show at the Calgary Exhibition and Stampede.

ROBIN KENNEDY/METRO CALGARY

## Cops fear escalation in gang violence

**CANDICE WARD**  
for Metro Calgary

**The death of known gang member Yee Sung Chin or Roger Chin, 23, on Saturday night has sparked fear of a gang war in Calgary.**

On the wake of such violent incident, Calgary Police are warning any known affiliated gang members against any sort of revenge.

"If there's a gang member who has a warrant out for them or a reason to arrest him, we will be arresting him," said Shaun Gissing of the Organized Crime unit.

Calgary Police are pulling out all the stops to ensure public safety in this matter by keeping tabs on known gang members and taking enforcement actions in attempt to suppress any further violence.

Chin was gunned down on the 5400 block of Centre St. N. in a black SUV around 10:30 p.m. Saturday.

The vehicle was riddled with bullets before eventually colliding with a tree on the opposite side of the street.

Chin had another attempt on his life made in February.

Police are hoping more witnesses will come forward.

"I can't up on the stand and tell the judge what happened, I was not there, I need people that were there to tell us what happened," said Rick Tuza, Staff Sgt. of the homicide unit.

# \$4 billion for climate

## Carbon-capture projects, transit program planned

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### carbon facts

- 14 per cent of Alberta's greenhouse gas emissions come from cars
- Five large-scale carbon-capture projects will have the potential to store five million tonnes of carbon dioxide by 2015

**Alberta's greenhouse gas reduction plan has been given a massive dose of financial fertilizer.**

After a cabinet meeting in Calgary on Tuesday, premier Ed Stelmach outlined a plan to dole out \$4 billion to stimulate high-capacity carbon-capture projects

across the province, the biggest of their kind on the planet, and fund a Green Transit Incentives Program

which will drastically increase the number of LRT and rail extensions as well as helping to build more park and ride lots in city's like Edmonton and Calgary.

Stelmach said the pair of initiatives, "unprecedented in scope and scale," will be the equivalent of "taking one million cars off the road" and will also help Alberta to achieve their goal to cut greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2050.

"We could well exceed our targets," said environment minister Mel Knight.

Alberta, criticized recently for being a dirty oil hotbed by American governors who have threatened to turn off their taps to the province's most lucrative export, has "an opportunity to lead in the world," Stelmach said, noting active industry participation will result in more dollars coming into the projects in the near future.

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Just before rush-hour traffic yesterday a mobile crane struck the traffic lights while travelling southbound on Bonaventure Drive SE at around 2:30 p.m. Southbound traffic was diverted while repairs were being made. **METRO CALGARY**

# Local



**"We're not going there, it's not realistic."**

Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach rebutting federal Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion's Green Shift initiative that would implement a carbon tax.



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ROGERS

## 'Super board' is born

Alberta's 9 health regions officially dissolved into 1

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And then there was one.

Alberta's nine health regions were officially disbanded, centralized into a solitary "super board," and their chief executive officers were given their walking papers effective immediately in a 24-minute Alberta Health Services board meeting in Calgary which also announced a new set of directors effectively ushering in a new era of provincial health care.

### Looking ahead

With an eye on reducing wait times and increasing accessibility to the system, Hughes said the centralized board should better service the day-to-day needs of Albertans for at least the next 20 years.

"This isn't a cost cutting measure," said health services chair Ken Hughes. "This allows us to deliver health care, right across the province, to meet the specific needs of the individual patient."

It might not be about

trimming budgetary fat, but the new system is expected to save the province millions of dollars in staff administrative redundancies with measures like a centralized payroll and a further "narrowing" in staff "where jobs no longer exist," Hughes said, noting a "redeployment of skills" for some, resulting in a system that runs as "leanly as possible."



Liberal MLA  
Dave Taylor

Liberal health critic Dave Taylor slammed the new system, drawing on past moves that whittled the province's hospital regions from 200 to nine that didn't result in a better system.

"It made it less efficient, clunkier, costlier, harder to turn, less patient friendly," said Taylor. "Now we're going to one ... it doesn't imbue me with a tremendous amount of confidence that going to one monolithic region that were suddenly going to solve the problems that had been building the last 15 years."



## Firefighter makes special delivery

ALICIA FOX  
for Metro Calgary

One little guy anxious to enter the world made a surprise arrival early yesterday morning.

Born at 3:38 a.m. into the hands of firefighter and former paramedic Gord Toothe, the baby boy came out before his mom could be transferred to hospital. When firefighters arrived, the baby's head was already presenting.

Deb Bergeson, from the Calgary Fire Department, said all firefighters are trained in emergency birth procedures and it was just fortunate Toothe was there.

"Obviously it came as a surprise," she said. "I don't believe it was a planned home delivery."

She explained that when someone calls 9-1-1 and the call is deemed to be of

**"Obviously it came as a surprise. I don't believe it was a planned home delivery."**

Deb Bergeson,  
Calgary Fire Dept.

a serious nature, firefighters are sent to the call along with EMS.

"Because of the number of locations that we have and because of where our fire stations are situated, we're often first on scene," she said.

The baby's dad and grandmother were also present at the home on Hidden Hills Way NW, and the child has two older siblings.

Mother and baby were transported to hospital after the birthing and are reportedly doing well.

## Telus, Bell plan return-text fee

ALICIA FOX  
for Metro Calgary

Text-savvy fingers may now be taking a little break from their daily exercises.

Avid texter and Bell Mobility customer Della Ridley wasn't happy to hear about a new 15 cent charge being implemented by cellphone heavies Telus and Bell, saying it's a scam to make people buy into the plans.

"I don't think it's really fair, because it's 100 per cent out of your power (who sends you messages)," she said.

Telus Mobility and Bell will roll out the new incoming text charge in August — the 24th for Telus and Aug. 8 for Bell.

Mostly affecting pay-as-you-go users, the charge is in response to what Chris Gerritsen from Telus says has been "nothing short of

phenomenal" growth in the industry.

He says there are 45.3 million text messages sent per day across Canada.

"That volume places a lot of demand on our network and we can't afford to provide this service for free anymore," he said. "This will help cover the cost."

Anyone currently on a plan including texting will not be affected.

Gerritsen said there are a variety of texting plans available and if anyone were to receive an unexpected amount of unsolicited text messages like spam, there lies the possibility of having the charges reversed if the customer called their provider.

Though Ridley has a bundle, a Bell representative told her 2,500 messages per month would now take a hit with any incoming messages she received.



Melissa Bachand sends off a text to a friend today — and if she's a Telus Mobility or Bell Mobility customer, a return text could cost her 15 cents.

### News in brief

**AIR VEHICLES** If a blimp and a helicopter had a love-child, it would likely look something like the Jess Heavy Lifter. Calgary-company SkyHook International is teaming up with Boeing to produce the blimps, which have propellers on all four edges and can lift up to 40 tonnes of material in one load and travel up to 320-kilometres at a time. The hope is to have the vehicles airborne by 2012.

**SMOKE** Food left burning in a frying pan at a home in Turner Valley caused heavy smoke and triggered fire alarms, prompting neighbours to call the fire department. Firefighters located a 15-year-old male asleep in the home, who was sent to hospital for precautionary measures. Further investigation revealed the male had been consuming alcohol and was charged with breaching a probation order. **METRO CALGARY**



**Bear meat found** A pile of cheesecloth-wrapped black bear meat found June 16 in Banff National Park has RCMP and Parks Canada officials looking for answers. No kill site located was found in the park, indicating the meat, found in a ditch off of highway 93N, may have been taken legally outside park boundaries, but police are searching for confirmation. **METRO CALGARY**

# Outdoor grow ops targeted by RCMP

Police ask for public's help during cultivation season

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**Flowers are blooming, but so too, apparently, are outdoor pot plants.**

The onset of summer provides the perfect opportunity for private entrepreneurs to cultivate a little patch of marijuana to call their own, said RCMP Sgt. Patrick Webb, who is encouraging anyone in the Calgary area

**"These people are criminals and we want to put an end to it."**

RCMP Sgt. Patrick Webb

who witnesses suspicious activity or stumbles across a weed garden to call police or Crime Stoppers.

"There are people out there who may have infor-

mation that would be valuable to us and they don't even realize it," said Webb, adding anyone traversing along the many creeks or wooded areas around Calgary may play a part in "cleaning up the community."

While indoor grow-ops, an area of constant concern for city and provincial police, are much more elaborate and are often connected with organized crime because of the necessity of buying or

renting a place and filling it with the required equipment, outdoor operations tend to be the mainstay of individual growers for both recreational and illicit uses, Webb said.

"Either way, these people are criminals and we want to put an end to it," he said.

Anyone with information is asked to call any police service in their area or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

## Green means clean at universities

ALICIA FOX  
for Metro Calgary

**The University of Calgary is simultaneously cleaning its facilities and the environment.**

Cleaning supplies that have a smaller environmental footprint have been an increased focus for the maintenance staff at the university, with one project using coconut-based cleaning supplies rather than chemicals.

Don Neary, supervisor with Operations and Maintenance at the school said,

**"Certainly you want to look at the health of the staff."**

Don Neary, supervisor

"the university is very committed now to sustainability and the environment."

He said that their supply system contract is currently up for renewal, and it will be "interesting to see what kind of bids" come in, at which time they will be using environmentally friendly products exclusively.

"Certainly you want to look at the health of the staff and the occupants," Neary said, adding that issues such as indoor air quality and what's going down the drain also come into play.

Not only do the products make Mother Nature happy, maintenance staff uses less of them and a reduced amount of water since switching to microfiber cloths. Neary said the cloths use 35 per cent less chemicals and actually attract dirt because of the way the fibers are constructed.

Recently several univer-

sities in Atlantic Canada have gone to more environmentally friendly cleaning supplies and it's helping them save money.

The custodial staff at Dalhousie University recently traded in 40 chemical cleaners they use everyday for three green cleaners.

"It's less expensive, as a matter of fact," said Mike Murphy, manager of environmental services for Dalhousie.

"That wasn't always the case with green products, but more and more people are demanding them and the prices come down."

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Bow River **Big catch**



Evan Sapozhnikove, 4, shows off his big catch from the Bow River yesterday morning.

## Cross-Canada walk goes through Calgary

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for Metro Calgary

They'll be showing up in Ottawa with worn soles and heavy hearts.

Eighteen Aboriginal women from B.C. are walking from Victoria to Ottawa and will be stopping in Calgary today and tomorrow during their Walk 4 Justice.

They plan to present a petition, which can be signed online, that they hope will encourage more police involvement in the disappearance of Aboriginal women, especially along Highway 16, dubbed the Highway of Tears. The B.C. section of the Yellowhead Highway, it runs from Prince Rupert to Prince George.

Since 1988, there have been over 30 women that have been killed or disappeared, all but one Aboriginal, along the 800 kilometer stretch.

"(This walk is) calling to plight the number of missing and murdered Aboriginal women across Canada," said Danial Curotte, the Aboriginal representative for the Public Service Alliance of Canada-Prairie Region Council.

"Something is happening," he said, adding that speculations have been made that a serial killer may be responsible. "The numbers are just too high, it's not just a coincidence."

The women left on Aboriginal Day, June 21, and plan to arrive in Ottawa on Sept. 15.

### News in brief

**WARNING** It's sunny and warm, but the Calgary Police Service is warning residents in Sunnyside and Hillhurst to be vigilant about locking screen doors and windows especially at night, even when the weather makes the indoors hot. Since June 16, there have been an unusually high number of late-night and

early-morning residential break-ins, particularly in the communities of Sunnyside and Hillhurst. Residents in these communities should also be wary of suspicious persons, especially those soliciting for money for a cause, as several thieves have reportedly been accessing residents in this manner.

**BREAK-IN** Calgary Police are looking for the suspects who broke into a vehicle parked outside a home in the 500 block of 49 Avenue SW. After using the remote garage door opener to enter the property, the suspects stole a laptop, cell phone, and a set of keys for a grey 2008 Audi A4 S-Line,

which police believe the offenders drove away from the scene. Police are cautioning residents to secure garage door openers in a safe location or disconnect them at night, as well as keep all valuables out of sight and to install lights around the house to increase visibility.

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# Canada

**"I don't really have any answers — we're still waiting and looking for them."**

Ben Berry speaking on the death of friend Diana Gabrielle O'Brien.



## model death

Chinese police are reporting that a young B.C. model has been found near her Shanghai apartment in what is being treating as a homicide.

## Medal hauled back to the Hall

TRACEY TONG  
Metro Canada

Members of a Catholic community yesterday returned an Order of Canada medal its founder received 32 years ago, to protest a high-profile abortionist's receipt of the award.

Representatives from Madonna House in Combermere arrived at Rideau Hall to return Catherine Doherty's 1976 medal in response to Dr. Henry Morgentaler's recent appointment to the order, joining a priest in British Columbia who has also surrendered his award in protest.

"Our purpose was to make a simple public gesture to call attention to the disgrace and disappoint-



Mark Schlengerman, a director general of the Catholic group Madonna House, holds an Order of Canada medal that was awarded to the group's late founder, Catherine Doherty, outside the front gates of Rideau Hall yesterday.

ment of the awarding of the medal to Dr. Morgentaler," said Susanne Stubbs, a director with the community of more than

200 laymen and priests that assists the poor.

"The medal has been dishonoured."

Doherty, who died in

1985, was added to the Order for "devoted services to the underprivileged of many nationalities, both in Canada and abroad." Consideration for her sainthood began in 2000.

Stubbs and her colleagues returned the medal and its accompanying document to Yves Bastien, an awards official who emerged from Rideau Hall to receive it.

"Catherine Doherty would not have judged Henry Morgentaler, nor should we. Yet we have to protest — simply, peacefully, unremittably and with the tools we have at hand — the serious misdirection our country (is taking)," director general of laymen Mark Schlengerman read from a letter sent to the Governor General Michaëlle Jean.



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## Harper limits G8 goals: Official

Prime Minister Stephen Harper worked to ensure that the Group of Eight leaders produced a climate change agreement that did not contain overly ambitious goals for cutting greenhouse gases, a senior Canadian government official says.

G8 leaders meeting in Japan put aside their differences to reach an accord on tackling climate change, but environmental groups blasted the agreement as woefully inadequate to tackle one of

the globe's most challenging problems.

Harper lauded the accord as an "important advance" because U.S. President George W. Bush dropped his enduring opposition to specific long-term goals for greenhouse gas cutbacks. The same is true of Russia, he noted. "This is the first time that either of those countries have conceded the necessity of having a long-term mandatory goal for reductions," Harper told the media.

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### News in brief

**CADMAN** The widow of Chuck Cadman, who told a journalist that the Conservatives offered the dying MP a financial incentive, is disputing parts of the story in a new affidavit. Dona Cadman filed an affidavit in Ontario Superior Court saying that she never introduced Tom

Zyturuk to Stephen Harper at her home in 2005. Cadman is now running as the Conservative candidate.

**LAYTON** Federal New Democratic Party Leader Jack Layton says it's "simply outrageous" for Ottawa to sign a

trade deal with Colombia with a clause calling for the South American nation to pay a fine to a special fund whenever a union activist is murdered. In Colombia, 28 trade unionists have been murdered so far this year.

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**Tea and sympathy saves day**

A Japanese woman and her six-month-old baby escaped unhurt from a knife-wielding thief this week after the mother calmed him down with a cup of tea and a chat. **REUTERS**

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# World



Demonstrators walk on Prague's Stefanik bridge during a rally against a plan to build a U.S. missile defence shield in the Czech Republic yesterday.

## Czech Republic, U.S. sign defence deal

### Russia threatens military action over shield

**The United States signed a pact yesterday to build part of a U.S. missile defence shield in the Czech Republic, prompting neighbouring Russia to warn it will react with military means if the shield is deployed.**

The U.S. and Czech foreign ministers toasted with champagne after signing the accord to place a tracking radar southwest of Prague as part of a system to protect against the

**"We will be forced to react ... with military-technical methods."**

Russian statement

perceived threat of missile attack from countries such as Iran.

But Russia, in a statement reminiscent of Cold War rhetoric, warned the United States against deploying the shield close to

its borders.

"If the real deployment of an American strategic missile defence shield begins close to our borders, then we will be forced to react not with diplomatic methods, but with military-technical methods," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement on its [www.mid.ru](http://www.mid.ru) website.

It did not give specifics but analysts said the threat appeared aimed at stoking European opposition to the shield. **REUTERS**

## G8 nations to impose sanctions on Zimbabwe

**SUMMIT** The Group of Eight rich nations agreed yesterday to impose sanctions against Zimbabwe's leadership because of violence during the widely condemned re-election of President Robert Mugabe.

The United States, Britain and Canada had lobbied for a strong stand at a G8 summit in Japan.

A number of G8 nations already have financial and travel restrictions on Mugabe and his inner circle.

"We will take further steps, inter alia introducing financial and other measures against those individuals responsible for the violence," the G8 said in statement at its summit in Japan. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## West Bank mall ordered to close

**MIDEAST** Israeli forces raided a popular shopping mall in the occupied West Bank yesterday, ordering its closure for two years over its owner's alleged links to Hamas.

Palestinian shoppers defied the Arabic-language order, left at the complex and signed by an Israeli general, by flocking to the five-storey complex in the centre of the city of Nablus. "Those in charge of the property must ... close it and keep it shut for two years, upon receipt of this order," the document said, threatening violators with a five-year jail term and giving shopowners until Aug. 15 to move their businesses. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**QUAKE** A magnitude 6.2 earthquake shook southern Peru early Tuesday, killing at least one person in the Andean country's second-largest city, Arequipa, and damaging scores of homes. **REUTERS**

**ODDITY** A demolition man stripping a fireplace from the former home of The Lord of the Rings author J.R.R. Tolkien stumbled across a postcard to the writer dated 1968, and hopes to sell it for a small fortune. **REUTERS**

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# Iraq insists on timetable

## U.S. downplays call for firm withdrawal deadline

Iraq will not accept any security agreement with the United States unless it includes dates for the withdrawal of foreign forces, the government's national security adviser said yesterday.

But the government's spokesman said any timetable would depend on security conditions on the ground.

Their differences underscore the debate over a deal

**"We can't have a memorandum of understanding with foreign forces unless it has dates and clear horizons determining the departure of foreign forces."**

Iraqi National Security Adviser Mowaffaq al-Rubaie

with Washington that will provide a legal basis for U.S. troops to remain when a UN mandate expires at the end of the year.

But Washington played down calls from Baghdad

for a firm withdrawal deadline, saying both sought greater Iraqi security.

U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said yesterday he expected to pull more U.S. troops from Iraq and

stressed any decision to withdraw would be based on the ability of Iraqi troops to take responsibility for security and combat.

"We can't have a memorandum of understanding with foreign forces unless it has dates and clear horizons determining the departure of foreign forces. We're unambiguously talking about their departure," National Security Adviser Mowaffaq al-Rubaie said yesterday. **REUTERS**

# Obama denies flip-flopping

Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama rejected charges yesterday that he has shifted positions on Iraq and other issues as part of a move to the political centre now that he is his party's nominee.

As he positions himself for the battle against Republican John McCain, the Illinois senator, most recently, signalled greater flexibility on his pledge to quickly pull U.S. troops out of Iraq, telling reporters last week he might "refine" his views based on what happens on the ground.

Asked about his Iraq policy at a town hall meeting in Powder Springs, Ga., Obama rejected claims he was



U.S. Republican presidential candidate Senator John McCain gestures as he addresses a League of United Latin American Citizens conference in Washington yesterday.

softening his insistence on a withdrawal of U.S. troops from the country.

The McCain campaign has eagerly accused Obama of shifting position for

political expediency.

"I think there's been definitely shifts in position, and one of them is Iraq," McCain told the Fox News Channel yesterday. **REUTERS**

## News in brief

**NUCLEAR** The U.S. Treasury said yesterday it has designated four Iranian firms for their ties to the country's nuclear and missile programs, a move that bans U.S. companies from dealing with them. **REUTERS**

**RELIGION** The Vatican yesterday strongly criticized the Church of England's plan to ordain women bishops, describing it as a historic break from Christian doctrine that will drive Anglicans and Catholics further apart. **REUTERS**

**LEGAL** Britain should take Moscow to the World Court if it has evidence of Russian state involvement in the poisoning of emigre Alexander Litvinenko, a lawyer for his widow said yesterday. **REUTERS**



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**WestJet planes less full in June**

WestJet Airlines planes flew less full in June as a big increase in capacity more than offset growing passenger traffic. Its load factor, a measure of how full its planes flew, fell to 76.5 per cent, down 3.4 percentage points from 79.9 per cent in June 2007. **REUTERS**

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## Buzz announces early retirement

**Buzz Hargrove says he will retire early as the president of the Canadian Auto Workers and Ken Lewenza, the fiery leader of the union's big Windsor local, is set to jump into the driver's seat.**



**"I think everyone works hard for the union but no one works harder than Kenny."**

Buzz Hargrove

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Hargrove assistants Hemi Mitic and Tom Collins, who indicated earlier they would run regardless of the outcome of the endorsements, instead pulled out of the race at the same meetings.

Hargrove, who had planned on retiring next March or August, said campaigning had started for his post and he didn't want the increasing political activity to divide the CAW.

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Hargrove, who has led the union since 1992, surprised CAW leaders yesterday by revealing he will leave no later than Sept. 15 instead of next year.

Hargrove, the CAW's other senior officers, executive board, directors and staff overwhelmingly endorsed Lewenza, president of Local

444 in Windsor, at meetings yesterday to fill the \$150,700 a year hot seat. "He has enormous energy," Hargrove told reporters as Lewenza sat beside him.

## Spectrum auction nears end

**WIRELESS** A government auction of wireless spectrum aimed at bringing new competition to Canada's cellphone market has reached its final stretch, with total bids reaching \$4.2 billion so far — twice the amount expected.

A range of companies that don't yet have a large wireless presence in Canada have emerged in the bidding for airwaves over which wireless services are delivered. The three top telecom companies, which already dominate Canada's \$13 billion wireless market — Rogers Communications, BCE and Telus — lead the pack in the dollar value of high bids.

**REUTERS**

**News in brief**

**GAS PRICES** U.S. drivers can expect to shell out more than \$4 US a gallon, on average, for gasoline for the rest of 2008 and prices will keep rising until November, the U.S. Energy In-

formation Administration said yesterday. Oil prices, meanwhile, will remain under pressure from the tight market for crude and international demand.

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**News in brief**

**REFINERY SHELVED** Royal Dutch Shell has cancelled plans to build a new multibillion-dollar refinery near Sarnia, Ont., due to poor market conditions and surging construction costs, the oil major said yesterday. The refinery was to have processed 150,000 to 200,000 barrels a day. Shell had been studying the feasibility of the new plant over the past two years to process crude from its expanding Alberta oil sands operations.

**REUTERS**

## Bank of Canada backs off as credit tensions ease

**CREDIT CRUNCH** Tensions in Canada's money markets have eased enough to prompt the Bank of Canada to suspend operations to get short-term lending back on track.

The central bank said yesterday it would sell back \$1 billion worth of securities it bought on the market on June 10 instead

of rolling them over, citing an improvement in bank funding costs.

This was the second time it has decided to conclude a transaction of this sort, known as a PRA, and it marks the withdrawal of all of the bank's extraordinary help to once-stressed markets.

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China's state television plans to scrap its usual slight delay for live broadcasts during the Olympic Games, allowing the audience to see everything "as it happens," the official Xinhua agency said yesterday. REUTERS

# Beijing Games

## determined



Ronaldinho wants to go to Beijing to win gold for his country.

### Ronaldinho vows to play for Brazil

**SOCCER** After being told by Barcelona that they would refuse to allow forward Ronaldinho to play for Brazil in next month's Olympic Games, the superstar reiterated his desire to go to the games.

"It is my dream to search the gold for Brazil," he said at a press conference Brazilian media sources reported.

The out-of-form 28-year-old, who has been told he is surplus to requirements at the Spanish club, was named in Brazil coach Dunga's squad for Beijing as one of the overage players.

"Ronaldinho has to report for training next Monday," the Primera Liga club said.

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### Preparations a 'gold standard'

**CHINA.** The International Olympic Committee praised Beijing yesterday for setting a "gold standard for the future" in its preparations for the Games.

China, meanwhile, poured scorn on critics abroad, saying complaints of human-rights abuses were "noise pollution" that could not prevent the success of the Games.

While conceding concerns remained about air pollution and broadcasting issues, chief International Olympic Committee inspector Hein Verbruggen said Beijing "looked ready."

REUTERS

### Tomorrow's lineup

**ALL IN THE FAMILY.** "I grew up with the Olympics as part of my life with my grandfather, father and uncles all competing at the Olympics," says Beijing-bound solo flatwater canoeist Mark Oldershaw. Read tomorrow's Metro for more.

**29** days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

## Bay preparing for last Olympics

Ruling means softball player from B.C. likely facing final Games

ANDREA WOO  
for Metro Canada

**Growing up in Trail, B.C., a small nature city with a matching population, there was little for Lauren Bay to do besides play sports.**

**She played many — basketball, volleyball, track, gymnastics — but it was in the ballpark with her older brother Jason that she found her true calling.**

Bay, who originally hoped to be a centre-fielder before discovering her true talent at pitching, grew up to be one of the country's top softball pitchers, repre-

senting Canada at the Olympic Games.

Jason grew up to be an outfielder for Major League Baseball's Pittsburgh Pirates. Athleticism is clearly in the family's blood, Bay's grandparents Sylvia and Arthur also played ball, her uncle Gerry Moro was a three-time Olympian in decathlon, and her father David played little league.

Kelly Bay, Lauren's mother, said her daughter always had a knack for the sport, but her accomplishments have been no less amazing.

"We didn't imagine it

would take her where she's gotten — I don't think anyone could have imagined that — but we're certainly thankful and grateful that it has," she said.

When Bay was 16, she got a call from the White Rock Renegades.

"They were known as the powerhouse of my generation and that was a pretty big deal to even have a phone call from them," said Bay. Her parents, whom she called "saints," drove her nearly eight hours every weekend while school was in session to get her to home games.

The athletic girl with a competitive nature caught the eye of a handful of universities.

Among them was Oklahoma State, which she ended up choosing for its welcoming sense of southern hospitality.

At OSU, Bay studied international business and became a stand-out while playing ball, posting a 26-10 record as a senior in 2003 and striking out 451 to break her single-season record.

In 2002, Bay was part of the Canadian softball team that placed ninth at the World Championships in Saskatoon, and in 2004, was part of the Canadian team that placed fifth at the summer Olympics in Athens.

In August, Bay will again be one of the 15 players to represent our home and native land in softball at the Olympic Games in Beijing, where her parents and husband will be present to cheer her on.

"When that anthem



Lauren Bay pitches during a softball game between Japan and Canada during the Athens 2004 Summer Olympic Games in this file photo.

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Lauren Bay will be a part of the Canadian softball team at the Summer Games in Beijing next month.

starts and you look around and see everyone wearing red and white, you just swell up with a sense of pride and awe that your daughter is one of the chosen few who gets to represent that country," said Kelly Bay. "How many people can say that?"

However, Sylvia Bay added the trip will be bittersweet for Lauren.

"She's looking forward to it, because this will probably be her last one," she said, referring to the International Olympic Committee's vote to remove softball and baseball

from the Games effective 2012. These are the first two sports to be cut since polo was voted out in 1939.

Bay called the cut "heart-breaking" and said that she will work with various organizations to bring it back once the bustle of the Games dies down.

"Growing up of having a goal to play softball in the Olympics ... it's heart-breaking to know that, as of right now, no more softball players will be able to follow their dreams in that aspect."

The IOC will vote again in 2009.

### Facts

**NAME:** Lauren Bay  
**HOMETOWN:** Trail, B.C. Currently lives in Chicago.  
**AGE:** 26  
**MEASUREMENTS:** 5'8", 140 lbs  
**TEAM:** Member of Canada's national softball team since 2002  
**STATS:** Bats right, throws left  
**TRIVIA:** Brother is Jason Bay of the Pittsburgh Pirates



**Harden dealt to Cubs**

The Chicago Cubs have acquired pitchers Rich Harden, from Victoria, and Chad Gaudin from the Oakland Athletics in exchange for pitcher Sean Gallagher, outfielder Matt Murton, infielder Eric Patterson and catcher Josh Donaldson. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports

**"We're happy he's decided to come to the Toronto Maple Leafs"**

Leafs GM Cliff Fletcher on bringing Joe Nieuwendyk into the team's management.



## Joe to T.O.

The Toronto Maple Leafs announced that Joe Nieuwendyk, left, will be a special assistant to general manager Cliff Fletcher, the man who drafted him back in 1985.

# Injuries force shuffling

Defence has lost four starters in opening two weeks

DAN TOTH  
for Metro Calgary



**Chris Jones could be excused if he's a tad reluctant about heading back to Montreal tomorrow night to face his old team.**

The Calgary Stampeders defensive coordinator held the same title with the Alouettes the last five Canadian Football League seasons before coming to Alberta this year but is now leading a battle-weary bunch.

Jones lost another of his starters to injury last week in Edmonton — defensive end Julian Jenkins — raising the total to four wounded top-flight defensive players just two weeks into the season.

Seeing extra action to-morrow night (5 p.m. TSN) will be defensive end Charleston Hughes, cut after training camp but called back to Calgary after a spate of injuries in Week 1.

Led by CFL legend Anthony Calvillo, the Als boast an offence that has posted the most points (71) and touchdowns (eight) in the CFL this season.

The additional roster shuffling, Jones insists, is no reason to lower expectations against the undefeated Alouettes.

"Excuses are for losers and this group is not about making any excuses," insisted Jones, whose Stamps are 1-1, tied for second place in the West Division.

"We've got good personnel and we fully expect to

go into Montreal and win the game.

"Charleston was with us in camp, so we expect that whoever we put on the field that they will perform."

Hughes, for his part, has already proven confident in his own abilities. Despite being cut June 21, the Saginaw, Mich., native returned home but refused to unpack, fully expecting to get a phone call.

"I just wanted to be prepared for anything, even if another team called me," said Hughes, who spent some time last season with the Detroit Lions.

"My expectations are high for myself, so I set high standards and if I can't meet them, I can't blame anybody but myself. I have to make the most of

my opportunities.

"It's just what you do on game day. In practice you can do everything right but on game day, when that whistle blows, you have to make all the plays, do everything right and more."

Jones, who won a Grey Cup with Montreal in 2002, enjoyed consistent success with the Als. His defensive units there consistently ranked among the CFL's best over the last five years. Now Jones is trying to achieve the same success with a patchwork unit just two games into the season.

"I was there a long period of time," Jones said. "I enjoyed the run and we did some very good things there, but now I hope to do that here with the Stampeders."

# Stanley mistaken for an ashtray at party

So the Stanley Cup was used as — brace yourself — an ashtray by party animals on Malibu Beach.

No joke.

U.S. musician **Kid Rock** had a wild July 4 bash in which invited members of the NHL champion Detroit Red Wings left the Cup out on the beach, where "people mistook the trophy for an ashtray," according to the New York Daily News. And before you decide to dismiss the information as nonsense emanating from an unreliable rag, keep in mind that it was the same paper that disclosed the extra-marital habits of Yankees third baseman **Alex Rodriguez** and his pending divorce, many of which have been confirmed.

• Strippers, by the way, are coming out of the woodwork now to divulge that they had affairs with A-Rod. Seems the future Hall of Famer has had a thing for skanky chicks — no offence to fans of 49-year-old entertainer **Madonna**, who's been rumoured as A-Rod's latest lover.

Boston stripper **Candice Houlihan** told reporters she had a two-night stand with A-Rod in 2004 and that the player's wife, **Cindy Rodriguez**, "did the right thing" by filing for divorce. "A leopard doesn't change his spots," said Houlihan, a hairdresser these days. "Good for her. I think she's doing the smart thing."

Houlihan added: "And she'll probably get tons of cash."

And I add: "Duh."

• Members of the 0-2 Winnipeg Blue Bombers are peeved at their coach, **Doug**

## YorkReport

**Marty York**

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**Berry**, who's been accusing them of enjoying the Montreal night life too much before they were crushed by the Alouettes last week ... Members of the 1-1 Toronto Argonauts are peeved at their coach, **Rich Stabler** because they've decided he lacks communication skills as well as general knowledge about offensive football ... There's a quiet quarterback controversy in B.C., where members of the 0-2 Lions think **Buck Pierce** is a better choice than **Jarious Jackson**, who was ineffective and noticeably nervous against the Saskatchewan Roughriders last week. The Lions are 2.5-point underdogs for their game in Winnipeg Friday night ... **Damon Allen** is a retired grandfather at 45, but he's let it be known throughout the CFL that he's willing and eager to return to any team in need of a quarterback.

• Entrenched in the AL East cellar, the Blue Jays have clearly become a seller for MLB's July 31 trade deadline. The Jays are dangling not only pitcher **A.J. Burnett** as trade bait, but also shortstop **David Eckstein** (who's attracting interest from the Los Angeles Dodgers).

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

## Sports in brief

**NFL** Suspended Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick filed for bankruptcy protection yesterday. Vick claims to owe between \$10 and \$50 million US.

back Ricky Ray, British Columbia Lions defensive end Cameron Wake, and Toronto Argonauts kick returner Dominique Dorsey were named the CFL's top players for Week 2 yesterday.

**CFL** Edmonton Eskimos quarter-

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## Tour Schumacher surges to yellow



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**"THE BEST PLACE TO START** to reduce your home's energy use and lower your utility bills is to get a pro-fessional home-energy audit," writes David Bach in his book *Go Green, Live Rich* (Random House of Canada, 2008).

"The results can lead you to make changes that will save as much as 30 per cent on your utility bills."

More Albertans are "getting energy smart" by seeking energy advisors

like Edmonton's Jennifer Lucas of AmeriSpec Home Inspection Service. "There has been a dramatic increase in the number of requests for energy audits since the ecoENERGY program began," she says.

Under the ecoENERGY Retrofit-Homes program, the Government of Canada gives grants to property owners who complete energy efficiency retrofits based on energy advisors' recommendations.

In Calgary, Stephen Farrell of VerdaTech Energy Management & Consulting Services agrees.

"We have seen a very positive response and

take up by Albertans who want to know how to improve their energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and take advantage of available government grants."

"The ecoENERGY program is a very popular program, and helps thousands of Canadians to improve the energy efficiency of their homes, save money and do their bit for the environment."



The Power-Cost Monitor by Newfoundland's Blue LineInnovations helps homeowners monitor energy use.

### Finding the leaks

An ecoENERGY audit involves two evaluations, outlines Lucas. Before homeowners begin renovations, the initial, one-hour energy audit must be completed. The energy advisor comes to the house, measures it, does a window count and determines levels of insulation in the walls, the attic and the basement.

**"The results can lead you to make changes that will save as much as 30 per cent on your utility bills."**

David Bach

They take a look at the current heating system and domestic water heater and depressurize the house with the blower door test.

This test assists the evaluator in identifying where the leakage areas are in the home.

In their report, the energy advisor can tell the homeowner what their air changes are in an hour and "how big of a hole they have in their house if we put all their leaks together." Then they recommend all of the areas where the homeowner can take advantage of the ecoENERGY grant.

"We have to think of the house as a system, and we want to ensure that the homeowner won't have any indoor air quality is-

suues once their renovations are complete," explains Lucas.

The homeowner has 18 months from the date of the initial audit to complete any or all of the renovations.

The second evaluation follows the homeowner's renovations. The energy advisor verifies the changes, fills out the grant application form and depressurizes the house again. They complete all the paperwork, submitting the electronic files and application form to Natural Resources Canada.

Farrell adds that homeowners will be issued an ENERGUIDE rating.

They can use the rating when selling their home to demonstrate its improvements and energy efficiency.

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# Calgary Stampede

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Todd Baptiste, driving the Pacrim Hospitality Services wagon finished second in Heat 3 of yesterday's GMC Rangeland Derby at Stampede Park.



# Calgary Stampede



## It's not the speed of the shearer, it's quality

BY KRISTA SYLVESTER  
METRO CALGARY

Proving timing isn't everything, one professional sheep shearer believes in taking pride in his work, even if he doesn't win for fastest time.

Hilary Gietzen, 46, from North Dakota was competing in the professional sheep shearing competition yesterday at the Agriculture centre and said while he is never the fastest; he prides himself on a job well done.

"A lot of these guys come in teams of four to shear, but I am shearing by myself so it gets a little bit intimidating," he said before the competition.

But is he nervous about the hundreds of people watching him?

"No, that's not what makes me nervous. I'm used to little old ladies breathing down my neck making sure I'm doing a good job," he joked.

While sheep shearing in his home state for 31 years, Gietzen has been coming to the Stampede

**"The Stampede is such a great time and I'm here to check everything out."**

Hilary Gietzen, sheep shearer

for over 20, although he travels to many others as well.

"But once you have been to the Stampede and then go to other fairs, you know they aren't half as good as the Stampede. The Stampede is such a great time and I'm here to check everything out."

While speed is a major factor in the judging, the judges do also look at secondary cuts and the ultimate final product as well, according to Stampede sheep committee Greg Alexander.

"We're looking at a lot of different things including the condition they are in after. But speed is a big one and what the sheep look like of course," he said.



Ed Morrow from New Zealand may not be the best hairstylist, but he sure did try his best at the Calgary Stampede's Sheep Shearing contest yesterday.



Robin Locke and her miniature horse, Chief, at the Canadian National Miniature Horse Show yesterday at the Calgary Stampede.

## Big talent, tiny horse

BY KRISTA SYLVESTER  
METRO CALGARY

While many kids ask their parents for a horse when they are young, Robin Locke actually got one and many years later she has nine and is winning competitions with them, too.

The 27-year-old Locke remembers walking through the Stampede when she was 10 years old, and when she saw the miniature horses she decided she wanted one. Now she has nine and she just won the obstacle course yesterday at the Canadian National Miniature Horse Show.

"I think it's fun and I like the challenge and competition aspect of it," Locke told Metro after winning the award with her horse Chief.

"I also like seeing a lot of the same people. It's not too nerve-wracking here at the Stampede because I have done it for ten years, but the world championships in Texas get pretty nerve-wracking."

The miniature horses are put through the tests against one another in obstacle or jumping competitions, and Locke and her sister Kimberly seemed to be the stars of the show with their horses, winning their fair share of contests.

Many people took in the show and a few kids were even looking forward to one day having their own horses.

Eight-year-old Jamie already knows what she wants to be when she grows up.

"I wanna have horses and show them at the Stampede. I like the grey one, and the black one - they are so cute," she said.

## Seniors come out by the thousands for Western Heritage Day

BY KRISTA SYLVESTER  
METRO CALGARY

Proving age is just a number, thousands of seniors packed into the Calgary Stampede yesterday for Western Heritage Day.

Gordon Fleming and his wife Maggie, who are originally from Ireland, travelled from Scotland and were enjoying the Stampede yesterday, which provided free admission and WestJet skyrides throughout the day to those 65 and over.

"I was here about 50 years ago, and a lot has changed. This is my wife's first time though. We haven't seen a lot yet except the animals, but it's a nice day out," he told Metro.

And Maggie was excited to be at the park her first time, saying so far it was a good experience for them both. "We were traveling with friends from Winnipeg to Vancouver so we stopped to see the Stampede," they said.

Others have been coming every year on Heritage Day including Shirley Lowery, who enjoys the arts and crafts. "It's just one of those things where you either come out and do it or sit at home and wished you did, so I came to enjoy it," she said, adding she was glad she did.

Seniors were able to enjoy the WestJet Skyride for free down at Stampede Park during Western Heritage Days at the Calgary Stampede yesterday.



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# Calgary Stampede



## Rodeo Results

### Saddle Bronc

Wright, Cody	Milford UT	Cool Alley	91.0
Johnson, Chet	Gillette WY	John Wayne	85.5
Allen, Rusty	Eagle Mountain UT	Instant Request	84.5
Bail, Jesse	Camp Crook SD	Trail Sale	83.5
DeMoss, Cody	Heflin LA	Coal Black	83.5
Martin, Jess	Dillon MT	Cash Machine	81.5
Harter, Brad	Weatherford TX	Awesome	78.0
Mortensen, Dan	Billings MT	Knott So	72.0
Hay, Rod	Wildwood AB	Country Cat	BO
Miller, Bryce	Buffalo SD	Seat Sale	BO

### Bareback

Gray, Ryan	Petersburg TX	Alley Trail	86.0
Lowe, Will	Canyon TX	Street Dance	86.0
Gerke, Cimmaron	Brighton CO	Sweeny Todd	85.0
Mote, Bobby	Culver OR	Alley Ways	85.0
McDaniel, Justin	Porum OK	Believe Me	83.5
Ford, Heath	Greeley CO	Devil Woman	83.0
Davis, Jess	Payson UT	Mad Money	80.0
Jayne, Evan	Marseille FR	Shootin' Stars	77.5
Havens, Jason	Prineville OR	Atomic Betty	73.5
Lait, Matt	Stavely AB	Spotlight	71.5

### Tie-Down Roping

Chapman, Jeff	Athens TX	7.2
Swor, Cade	Chico TX	7.6
Smith, Stran	Childress TX	7.6
Edge, Dean	Rimbey AB	7.8
Burk, Blair	Durant OK	7.9
Brazile, Trevor	Decatur TX	8.2
Maass, Justin	Giddings TX	8.2
Herrin, Hunter	Apache OK	10.0
Becker, Marty	Edmonton AB	NT
Bouchard, Alwin	Scandia AB	NT

### Steer Wrestling

Sumpter, Wade	Fowler CO	4.6
Bell Jr., Joey	Malakoff TX	4.6
Moore, Clayton	Pouce Coupe BC	4.7
Miller, Jason	Lance Creek WY	4.9
Branquinho, Luke	Los Alamos CA	6.8
Gorsuch, Dean	Gering NE	10.4
McMillen, Casey	Craig CO	13.5
Graves, Stockton	Newkirk OK	14.6
Greenfield, Shawn	Lakeview OR	15.7
Knowles, Trevor	Mt Vernon OR	NT

### Ladies Barrel Racing

Baucom, Codi	Anderson SC	18.49
Sears, Lindsay	Nanton AB	18.49
Moody, Jill	Letcher SD	18.56
Seitz, Joleen	Savona BC	18.67
Jatzlau, Jackie	Giddings TX	18.68
Powell, Molly	Stephenville TX	18.69
Key-Fischer, Tammy	Ledbetter TX	18.72
Gee, Maria	Stanford MT	19.73
Grant, Cathy	Granton ON	21.49
Myllymaki, Rachael	Simi Valley CA	24.49

## Chuckwagon Results

HEAT 1		
Cargill	Reg Johnstone	1:16.45
Sunset Ridge of Cochrane	Troy Dorchester	1:16.82
Ultimate Bit Service	Jim Knight	1:17.22
Cam Clark Trailers	Ross Fisher	1:23.25

HEAT 2		
Hopewell Development Corporation	Grant Profit	1:16.29
Kidz Wagon	Ross Knight	1:19.57
Borden Ladner Gervais	Troy Flad	1:22.84
ATB Financial	Chad Harden	1:23.35

HEAT 3		
CMP Chevrolet Pontiac	Mike Vigen	1:16.90
Buick GMC Cadillac	Todd Baptiste	1:19.06
Pacrim Hospitality Services	Rick Fraser	1:19.71
Jayman MasterBUILT	Roger Moore	1:29.25
Northern Hardware		

HEAT 4		
Talk & Train from The Hear Now Inc.	Kelly Sutherland	1:15.14
High River Autoplex & RV	Cole Cosgrave	1:16.73
Hotel Villa del Sueno	Norm Cuthbertson	1:17.36
Carma Developers	Sean DeBolt	1:17.86

HEAT 5		
The Cowboys Posse	Luke Tournier	1:15.75
The Mavericks	Brian Laboucane	1:16.32
The Lucid Group of Companies	Vern Nolin	1:17.35
Braeside Fabricators & Friends of the Mavericks	Leo Tournier	1:18.42

HEAT 6		
Royal Liquor Merchants/Zirco	Gary Gorst	1:16.42

B & R Eckels Transport Ltd	Doug Irvine	1:16.48
Mahogany Lakeside Community	Hugh Sinclair	1:16.87
Super 8 Motels	Neal Walgenbach	1:17.72

HEAT 7		
Express Employment Prof. & Ranches	Wayne Knight	1:16.57
Airstream Heating & A/C	Ray Mitsuing	1:16.71
Friends of Heritage Park	Tim Haroldson	1:17.24
WestJet	Kurt Bensmiller	1:18.10

HEAT 8		
Heninger Toyota & Chickwagon	Shane Nolin	1:16.47
Shaw GMC Pontiac	Jason Glass	1:16.52
Buick Hummer	Grant Preece	1:18.26
Tide Firewagon	Rae Croteau Jr.	1:23.78
Calbridge		

HEAT 9		
Ronald McDonald House	Buddy Bensmiller	1:14.42
Friends of SAIT /Cardel Homes	Mark Sutherland	1:16.59
Ranchman's Cookhouse & Dancehall Inc	Kirk Sutherland	1:16.66
Blackmont Capital Inc	Jerry Bremner	1:20.25

## Stampede Music Lineup

### Coca-Cola Stage

**11:30 a.m., 1, 3:30 p.m.: Hip Hop Harry**  
**2 p.m.: Terry Stokes**  
**8 p.m.: Art of Dying**  
**5 p.m.: Terry Stokes**  
**9 p.m.: Puddle of Mudd**



KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

**Puddle of Mudd will be the headline act on the Coca-Cola Stage at Stampede Park tonight at 9.**

### Nashville North Stage

**1 p.m.: FOXX Worthee**  
**2:30 p.m.: Country Superstars**  
**3:30 p.m.: FOXX Worthee**  
**4:30 p.m.: Country Superstars**  
**5:30 p.m.: FOXX Worthee**  
**6:30 p.m.: Country Superstars**  
**9:30 p.m.: Kim Mitchell**  
**11:30 p.m.: Hey Romeo**  
**12:30 a.m.: Hey Romeo**



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**Kim Mitchell will take to the stage in Nashville North at Stampede Park tonight at 9:30.**

# Calgary Stampede



## Stampede food options unique and successful

BY KRISTA SYLVESTER  
METRO CALGARY

Pizza on a stick? Deep fried coke? Okanagan cherries? Only at the Stampede can you get such a variety of gluttonous foods.

And there is a lot of it this year, with new and unique foods offered on the countless menus across the park there is something for everyone.

Duane Horpinuk, senior manager of food and beverage told Metro this year's delicious menu has a variety worth checking out in person.

"The idea was to have a little bit of everything for everyone. We've got a lot of different new types of food, and we also have the

old favourites and traditions," he said, adding his favourite is the "standard" barbecue beef.

Pizza on the stick is a new favourite for many who have tried it, and although it costs about \$9 a stick, it's worth the cost, according to 21-year-old Megan J.K.

"It's so good; I could barely finish it though. It's a lot of food, but the cheese is so rich and it really fills you up," she said.

And of course, everyone's traditional favourite, the corn dogs are still a big hit year after year.

Parents Donovan and Kate Schuck and their three young children were carting around a corn dog each, and the kids were enjoying every last bite of

it.

"They really like the corn dogs. I am more of a beef on a bun and beef sandwich person myself," mom Kate laughed.

No matter what food sells the most, the preparation is a lot of work.

Executive chef Derek Dale says a lot of organization and preparation is needed 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the Stampede.

"And hiring great workers is key, because it makes it a smoother ride for everyone. Obviously a lot of food goes through here," he said.

Of course, the mini donuts are one of the biggest attractions at the Stampede — and one temptation I had to resist.



Vivian, 18 months, from left, Grace, 7, and Austin Schuck, 3, all love the food found on the Midway at Stampede Park.



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## Avenger flexes muscle

Dodge model brings bad boy attitude to mid-size car segment

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Leave it to the "grab life by the horns" boys over at Dodge to inject a little "attitude" into the mid-size car segment with its new-for-2008 Avenger five-passenger sedan.

All muscular and aggressive, thanks to styling cues borrowed straight from the brand's full-size Charger model, the 2008 Avenger actually shares its platform and most of its mechanical bits with its corporate cousin, the Chrysler Sebring.

The Avenger's styling and materials look and feel better than the Sebring, though that's no reason for any competitors to consider reworking their own offerings. On the other hand, features-wise, the Avenger is a leader, offering the automaker's MyGIG multimedia audio and entertainment system with available navigation, Chill Zone cooled storage compartment above the glove box, heated and cooled cupholders (except on the base Avenger SE) and an available rear-seat DVD entertainment system.

As with the Sebring, the Avenger offers three trim levels. In the latter's case that means the base Avenger SE starting at \$20,495, followed by a mid-range SXT version with a \$22,595 sticker price and the range-top-

ping Avenger R/T with a \$27,395 entry fee.

In its SE trim the Avenger comes with a 173-horsepower, 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine and four-speed automatic transmission, standard side-curtain airbags, four-speaker AM/FM stereo with CD/MP3 player, tilt and telescopic steering wheel, power locks and mirrors, air conditioning, 60/40-split rear seat and 16-inch wheels and tires.

The SXT with a similar powertrain adds anti-lock brakes, the company's YES Essentials stain-resistant seat fabric, a power eight-way driver's seat, six-speaker audio system, fold-flat passenger seatback, Touring suspension and 17-inch alloy wheels.



The New Dodge Challenger is all muscular and aggressive, thanks to styling cues borrowed from the brand's Charger model.

### 2008 Dodge Avenger SE

- Type: Mid-size 5-pass sedan FWD
- Price: \$20,495
- Engine: 2.4L I4 DOHC
- HP: 173 @ 6,000 rpm
- Torque: 166 @ 4,400 rpm

### Highlights:

- Muscular 'Charger-inspired' styling
- Available Flex Fuel engine
- Available all-wheel-drive
- Chill Zone drink cooler

The R/T is equipped with a 235 hp, 3.5-litre V6 mated to a six-speed automatic. It also gets a sport-tuned suspension and bigger brakes to improve handling and stopping, along with interior upgrades in keeping with its top-of-the-

line status. An all-wheel-drive R/T is also available, carrying a \$30,895 suggested list price.

The Avenger interior looks nice enough with a two-tone motif, white-face gauges, bright trim and easy-to-operate controls.



The Avenger interior looks nice enough with a two-tone motif, bright trim and easy-to-operate controls.

Finding a comfortable driving position is easy with the tilt and telescoping steering wheel and adjustable driver's seat.

On the road, the four-cylinder engine's performance is perky enough for most needs while the ride quality is smooth on the highway and quiet around town.

## Toyota, Nissan reduce prices

Canadian car buyers looking to save some bucks behind the wheel of a new vehicle can take advantage of new, lower prices on several Toyota models.

The reductions range from \$1,350 to \$7,900 depending on the model.

Three 2008-model Toyotas have been reduced: RAV4 buyers save \$1,350 on the new manufacturer's suggested list price (MSRP) of \$26,050 — down from the previous MSRP of \$27,400. The Prius hybrid sedan drops by \$1,900 to its new MSRP of \$27,600 while the '08 Highlander is now \$34,900 for a saving of \$2,000.

On a similar note, Nissan has announced the 2009 Armada's pricing will be reduced by \$10,000 for a new MSRP of \$53,298 while the '09 Titan sees reductions of up to \$1,500 on both the Crew Cab and King Cab pickup trucks. Also Infiniti's 2009 FX35 drops \$4,350 to \$50,700 while there's a \$9,900 saving awaiting buyers of the QX56 seven- and eight-passenger SUVs.

### New Lexus prices

Eight of the Toyota's upscale Lexus models have also seen price reductions, ranging from \$1,400 for the 2008 RX series to \$7,900 on the sporty SC

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# New car colours in full bloom

Blue is the new black, experts say

Although white, silver and black dominate the global mass auto market, car buyers around the world are leaning toward various treatments of blue, according to leading auto industry designers and a global team of DuPont colour designers.

"This year, we thought it

would be interesting to ask car and colour designers in mid year about automobile buyers' colour preferences," said Karen Surcina, colour marketing and technology manager, DuPont Automotive Systems.

For the last 55 years, the DuPont Global Automotive Colour Popularity Report has provided a year-end,

data-based snapshot of mass market car colour preferences.

In Canada and the U.S., blue also plays a role in consumer tastes, says Nancy Lockhart, colour designer for North America. She sees lighter blues emerging with a reddish accent representing a clean, fresh trend. Medium and dark shades of blue are more greenish, evoking a modern feel.

White tri-coats such as pearls are chosen by buyers for their luxurious, yet unpretentious presentation. Oranges and golds are also important and reddish gold is an emerging influence, she said.

"While current economic conditions in North America are not being felt in car colour choices, people are clearly being influenced by the 'green' move-



An "Atomic Orange" Chevrolet Corvette



Blue cars such as this Kia Sportage, left, and Saturn Aura, right, are gaining in popularity, although white, seen on the Chrysler 300, remains the most popular colour among consumers.

**"Customers are embracing colour again."**

General Motors' Christopher Webb

ment, with natural versions of bold colours taking hold," Lockhart said. "For example, copper seems to be replacing flashier gold finishes and royal blues will give way to lighter, cleaner and more water-like blues. Even white will change, with ultra whites and yellowish whites giving way to cleaner versions."

"White seems to be the most prominent colour on the road and on everyone's mind in design," said Mollie Engel, senior colour designer for Kia Design Center America. "It is the new luxury colour and it is also ecological. The lighter the colours we use, the less 'solar gain' is encouraged, and that means less gas we use to cool our cars."

Christopher Webb, General Motors lead colour and trend designer, interior and exterior, says "customers are embracing colour again," with brown, orange and blue selling well.

GM takes consumer input

seriously. Several years ago, Webb polled Corvette Car Club members to find out which colour they would most like to see on their vehicles. Their request for orange came at a time when an "orange trend" was developing in other areas of product design. The result was a colour, developed with DuPont, called "Atomic Orange."

"Blue will continue to be strong in the marketplace along with a growing trend in natural and authentic colours," said Jim Parker, senior manager, colour and trim design, Chrysler LLC.

## Gas-saving tips: Makes cents or non-cents?

With gas prices soaring to above \$1.40/litre for regular unleaded in some regions across the nation, tips about how to increase your car's gas mileage and save money on gas are circulating widely.

Much of this advice about how to increase your fuel mileage, however, is not worth the average driver's effort, according to NADAguides.com, a vehicle pricing and information website.

There are, however, some strategies to improve your car's gas mileage by 10 per cent or more, which does make good sense at today's pump prices. So here are some fuel economy tips that make "cents" and some that are "non-cents."

**MAKES CENTS** Drive slowly and steadily. The faster a car accelerates from a stop, the more gas it uses, while driving more slowly overall improves gas mileage because there is less aerodynamic resistance, making it easier for your car to move forward — the least aerodynamic vehicles, such as SUVs, tend to have the biggest improvements.



Not all gas-saving advice will help you pay less at the pump.

**MAKES CENTS** Keep tires properly inflated. If you do only one thing to improve your gas mileage, keep your tires properly inflated by checking their air pressure monthly. It's not unusual to see fuel economy gains of about 10 per cent with tires inflated at the recommended pressure.

**NON-CENTS** Fill up your gas tank when temperatures

are coolest. One theory states that gasoline expands with warmer temperatures, so a litre of gas is actually less than a litre when temperatures are higher. While this is true, the temperature in a gas station's underground storage tank is fairly constant, typically varying by about one degree, regardless of air temperature.

**NON-CENTS** Fill up when your tank is half-empty and use the slowest pump speed. Both pieces of advice stem from the idea that while gas is being dispensed, you want the most amount of gasoline and the least amount of vapours. But neither of these tips provides any significant gas savings.

**NON-CENTS (SORT OF)** Lighten your load. Sure, everybody talks about getting rid of unnecessary junk in your car to lighten your load and improve gas mileage, but when it comes to noticing a significant improvement in gas mileage, you'd have to eliminate at least 50 kilograms of cargo.

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**Big wheel**

While many visitors may be familiar with the views from the London Eye, for a limited time, they will be able to get a similar birds-eye view from the east of the city with the opening of the Greenwich Wheel. The wheel will be up until Sept. 28, and offers spectacular panoramic views. **VISIT BRITAIN**

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# Travel



## Buck House

Want to see how the royals live? Every year, Buckingham Palace opens its gates to visitors for a glance at the State Rooms. This year, the palace is open from July 29 to September 29. The tour includes a look at opulent collectibles including Faberge eggs, Rembrandt paintings and some of the finest furniture in the world. **VISIT BRITAIN**

# Cosplay it again

In the bowels of Taipei, beneath a bridge where homeless men nestle-in for a good night's sleep, there's a simple community centre. From the outside, it doesn't look like much but inside, the Infinite Cosplay Theatre have gathered, eager to strut their imaginative hobby. There's an energy in the air as they get ready for this evening's practice.

The girls dab themselves with thick white powder, red face paint and a thick coat of black mascara. They fiddle with heavy wigs, adjust their robes and slip in-

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to character.

They are Cosplayers, a growing sub-culture of Taiwan's young generation. Cosplay, a combination of "costume" and "play," has people dressing up as their favourite fictional characters. Rooted in Asia, this popular trend has found

its way around the world, including Canada. For the most part, costumes are inspired by Japanese anime and manga characters, but in Taiwan, the local youth have put their own spin on it. Cosplayers dress as characters from PiLi Puppet Theatre, a traditional performance of wooden hand-puppets. This cultural phenomenon re-enacts Chinese legends of love, chivalry and heroism through the art of puppetry.

Though the hobby may be growing in popularity, it certainly isn't cheap, with



Cosplayers in Taiwan

costumes, fans, staffs and wigs costing an upwards of 21,000 Taiwan dollars (\$700 Canadian). Since the characters are copy-written, costumes aren't found in stores.

Myao Ju Sheun Hwa has spent an upwards of 50,000 (\$1600 Canadian) this year

on her Cosplay hobby. By day, she's a secretary at a local shipping company, by night, this 34-year-old dresses as a female goddess, donning a sheer gown and elaborate wig adorned with tulips. She is drawn to this PiLi character because "of her very kind and powerful personality." Myao talks about the puppet characters with familiarity and affection, admiring their loyalty, good looks and martial arts skills. With over 10 people in the group, the team practices their routines

three days a week. To the tune of wind chimes and a pan flute, they move about the space in a collective performance, re-enacting mock battles from ancient Chinese dynasties.

Their dance is interpretive. Their movements are carefully choreographed, with elements of kung fu. Imagination takes these Cosplayers far from the urban reality of their humble surroundings.

Julia Dimon co-hosts Word Travels, airing on OLN, and edits The Travel Junkie. She can be reached through [www.thetraveljunkie.ca](http://www.thetraveljunkie.ca).

# Toy Story Mania! ups the ante at Disney

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You can play video games at home. Or you can be in the video game at Disney's newest ride, **Toy Story Mania!** Dubbed a 4-D adventure, the newest addition to Disney's California Adventure in Anaheim takes park goers through a series of virtual midway games led by the film's lead characters, Buzz Lightyear and Woody.

It keeps score, it's addictive and according to John Lasseter, chief creative officer of Pixar and Walt Disney Animation, this ride is exactly what Disney hoped for. "We wanted to create an attraction that was so fun, as soon as it's over you want to get back on again," Lasseter said. Sitting side-

by-side and armed with spring-action shooters you launch virtual projectiles ranging from darts to mid-way rings at 3-D targets. And yes, it can be tough on the forearms so stretch first. Everything reacts to you, balloons burst showering you with virtual confetti and when rockets take flight directly at you, a perfectly timed blast of air lets you feel them whirl by.

They're so real, that several people were seen trying to touch the images.

And in each of the games, there is at least one "Easter egg" — a target that can trigger the appearance of bonus, high-value targets and other changes in the scene.

What makes this ride so addictive is the desire to improve your score and — more importantly — to beat the person beside you.



Donning 3-D glasses and manning spring-action shooters, park goers ride the new Toy Story Mania! attraction at Disney's California Adventure in Anaheim, Calif.

The only thing keeping people from riding Toy Story Mania! repeatedly on opening day was a lineup stretching halfway across Californialand. But that's a testament to people's love affair with the characters from Toy Story. To soothe the wait, Disney created a giant Mr. Potato Head that acts as a carnival barker. It's able to say several lines of

dialogue to people in line as well as remove a body part (his ear) and re-attach it. According to Lasseter,

Toy Story Mania! is the first installment of a \$1.1 billion, five-year plan to upgrade Disney's California Adventure, which opened in 2001. He said the next Disney movie to be turned into a ride will be Cars (2006).

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# The essential guide to York

## Picturesque city has a great mix of old and new

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**The ancient British city of York in the north of England combines history and culture with great shops, high quality restaurants and vibrant bars in a compact pedestrian centre. This picturesque destination is a short trip from Leeds Bradford airport. It was named European Tourist City of 2007 by travel trade body European Cities Marketing, beating Gothenberg and Valencia.**

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#### Mid-range:

**Farthings Guest House**  
Set in a pretty Victorian

house five minutes from town, this is excellent value for money. Set yourself up for the day with their full English breakfast. 5 Nunthorpe Avenue. [www.farthingsyork.co.uk](http://www.farthingsyork.co.uk).

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Elegant and relaxed family-run hotel 10 minutes' walk from town. All 19 rooms feature antiques as well as plasma TVs, Playstation and DVD players. Beds were made by Jonathan Tebbs, who built the beds for the Harry Potter movies and the Loft Suite has its own private sauna. From £140. St Peter's Grove, Bootham. Tel 0870 243 0765. [www.marmadukeshotels.co.uk](http://www.marmadukeshotels.co.uk).

#### What to see

The essential visitor attraction is York Minster, the largest medieval gothic cathedral in northern Europe. Other sites include the huge Railway Museum with its extensive collection of trains, the Castle Museum, and the Jorvik Viking Centre that recre-

ates the sights, sounds and smells of York in 975AD. If the weather's good see York from the river on a cruise. [Yorkpass.com](http://Yorkpass.com).

#### Where to shop

**Food:** York's foodie institution is Bettys, the elegant tea-room on St Helen's Square. Feast on a traditional afternoon tea of sandwiches, scones with jam and clotted cream and home-made cakes, or try a 'fat rascal' pastry, Bettys' speciality. [bettys.co.uk](http://bettys.co.uk).

**Clothes:** York is full of independent boutiques. Visit Coggles for designers including Vivienne Westwood, Joseph, McQ and Nicole Farhi ([coggles.com](http://coggles.com)). For half-price Paul Smith, Ben Sherman and Burberry take the shuttle from the railway station to the York Designer Outlet ([yorkdesigneroutlet.com](http://yorkdesigneroutlet.com)).

**Music:** The largest selection of music is at Borders (1 Davygate), and for second hand and independent record stores visit Gillygate where you'll find Ark

records at number 52.

**Souvenirs:** Browse the shops along the Shambles for tourist kitsch. For candles, novelty mugs, and unusual gifts visit Wild Hart at 21a Stonegate ([wildhart.co.uk](http://wildhart.co.uk)), and Mulberry Hall for classic British crystal and porcelain from Spode and Wedgwood. ([mulberryhall.co.uk](http://mulberryhall.co.uk)).

**Markets:** The daily food and clothing market is at Newgate, or stock up on fresh local meat, fish, pies, cheeses, pickles, cakes and fruit at the farmers' market every last Friday of the month on Parliament Street between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

#### Where to eat

**Ate O'Clock:** This quirky, informal restaurant serves omelettes and savoury tarts for lunch, and imaginative dishes for dinner like Confit of Duck Leg on Bubble & Squeak with Chocolate & Chilli Sauce. 13a High Ousegate. [www.ateclock.co.uk](http://www.ateclock.co.uk).



York Minster is the largest medieval gothic cathedral in northern Europe.

**Vanilla Black:** A Modern British fine dining vegetarian restaurant with a stylish 1930s look. The kitchen uses only high quality local ingredients for its inventive dishes including Yorkshire Feta and Tomato Wafer Salad or Yorkshire Blue Cheese 3 Ways. 26 Swinegate. [www.vanillablack.co.uk](http://www.vanillablack.co.uk).

**J. Baker's Bistro Moderne:** Probably the finest restaurant in York, and run by Michelin-starred chef Jeff

Baker. By day there's the tapas-style grazing menu including Whitby Crab Salad or Scott's York Ham with hazelnut peas pudding. The dinner menu includes East Coast Fish Dumplings with marinated squid and Traditional Breed Pork Tenderloin with black pudding "capuccino." Visit the Chocolate Room upstairs for specialist truffles, desserts and drinks with wines to match. 7 Fossgate. [jbakers.co.uk](http://jbakers.co.uk).

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**Superbad actor getting married**

Superbad actor David Krumholtz is set to wed after proposing to actress girlfriend Vanessa Britting in Paris, France, imdb.com reports. **METRO**

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# Entertainment

**Hear Bruni**

French first lady Carla Bruni's new album *Comme si de rien n'était* won't be released until July 15, but starting today you can listen to it online at [carlabruni.com](http://carlabruni.com). **METRO**

## Fresh take on exploration

Journey To The Center Of The Earth takes thrills underground

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Ever wondered what's out there? Or in there? Or even, under there?

Generations of moviegoers have. With Friday's release of *Journey To The Center Of The Earth*, the next generation of movie fans can explore other worlds.

"It already recalls something like *Jurassic Park*, where there's this notion of an unknown world that is discovered unwittingly," said Charlie Keil, director of the cinema studies institute at the University of Toronto. "It has both the elements

of exploration and suspense and surprise because of the various obstacles the explorers are going to find."

Getting a new perspective is a movie tradition. You've probably never seen *Trip To The Moon* from 1902, but perhaps you've heard the phrase *Where No Man Has Gone Before*.

The *Star Trek* series started on the small screen, but went big in 1979. The new take of *Journey To The Center Of The Earth*, starring Brendan Fraser, is a modern spin on an old story. A 1959 version of the film starred Pat Boone. Both are based on the Jules Verne book published in 1864.



*Journey To The Center Of The Earth* takes a fresh look at the tradition of exploration on the big screen.

But our exploration fascination doesn't have to be on a grand scale.

Who could forget Hamilton's Martin Short cruising around in a li'l ship inside Dennis Quaid in 1987's *In-*

*nerspace*? Or Toronto's Rick Moranis as the flustered father in 1989's *Homey, I Shrunk The Kids*?

"You could say it's the same formula inverted, in a way," Keil said. "Rather

than being exposed to something larger than expected, like a whole new world ... cinema can show you things you didn't think were there ... things that are suddenly magnified so we experience them differently."

Keil says one of the rules of exploration movies is the effectively melding "spectacle and narrative." He expects moviegoers will keep flocking to theatres to see what surprises are in store.

"Oh definitely. With (*Journey*), it's being linked to the burgeoning re-exploration of the capacities of new 3D technologies ... everyone is saying the new 3D technology is really quite convincing. So this kind of narrative will suit that technology to a T."

**movies**

Annette Bening

**Bening named to Oscar board**

**PEOPLE** Three-time Oscar nominee Annette Bening has been elected to the governing board of the organization that gives out the Academy Awards.

Bening, 50, joins the Board of Governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which draws up Oscar's rules and regulations.

The actress is a three-time Oscar nominee for her roles in *The Grifters*, *American Beauty* and *Being Julia*.

**REUTERS**

## This Jewel Perfectly Clear

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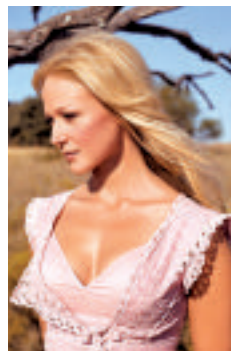
Jewel has gone country — but then she says she always was.

The Grammy Award winner and judge on NBC reality singing contest *Nashville Star* argues her newest album, *Perfectly Clear*, isn't so much about a reinvention of her sound as it is a return to her roots. Released last month, the album is full of Loretta Lynn-influenced narratives, swaying acoustic melodies and piano accents — a touch of city slicker sophistication to her largely self-produced down-home sound.

Jewel Kilcher penned much of the record growing up in rural Alaska, playing honky-tonk roadhouses with her dad and living on a ranch with no running water, a coal stove for heat and an outhouse for a toilet.

"I grew up writing this," says Jewel. "This is my life and my history. I didn't wake up and become someone else or get a new sound. I've never felt like I've had to pick a team or something. I've liked what I've always liked, which is storytelling."

The album belies Jewel's



Jewel's *Perfectly Clear* is full of swaying acoustic melodies.

past incarnations, and maybe for good reason. Her 2003 album *0304*, commercially successful though considered a misstep by critics and purist fans, fused big band with urban dance beats. It was certainly a far cry from 1995's *Pieces Of You* — one of the most successful debuts of all time. Jewel says the album was branded as alt-pop by a music industry riding the crest of the grunge rock tsunami caused by the success of bands such as Nirvana and Soundgarden, and should have been considered a country work if anything.

Now, at 34, Jewel has mixed memories of her time at the top. As a 19-

year-old living in a car in San Diego, she wasn't ready for the ruthless realities of life at the top of the charts. She recalls frequently fighting uphill battles for creative freedom (which might explain 0304).

"I'm not trying to be a martyr or anything, but it is something to go from being homeless to being rich overnight. I was just not prepared for that at all. I don't think anyone would be. I certainly had rock 'n' roll clichés happen," she says. "The good news is that the more you're in control of everything, the safer you are."

Lesson learned — after more than a decade as a major label artist, Jewel says educating herself on the business has led her to a position where she can do what she wants, when she wants, and she warns up-and-comers to do the same.

"It's a complicated business, and it's not set up to help the artist win."

It's set up for everyone else to make money off of you," she says. "The industry runs artists into the ground. You see these talented kids and they're broke. It's heartbreaking, and it happens over and over."

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# Nickelback signs big

**Deal with Live Nation, said to be worth between \$50 million US and \$70 million, is latest in string of high-profile signings**

Alberta rockers Nickelback have signed a global recording, touring and merchandising deal with concert promoter Live Nation Inc that an industry source said was worth between \$50 million US and \$70 million.

Live Nation announced the contract yesterday but did not give financial details.

The Nickelback deal is the latest in a string of high-profile, multifaceted deals that the Los Angeles-based company has signed with major artists including Madonna, Jay-Z, U2 and Shakira.

Nickelback, whose last album sold 10 million copies, signed a three-album/three-tour deal with Live Nation, and will let the company to handle all merchandising, licensing, sponsorship, secondary ticketing, endorsements, DVD and broadcast rights,

fan club, web site and literary rights.

But the band, fronted by Chad Kroeger, still has two albums and a greatest hits package left to deliver to its longtime label Road Runner Records before it records any albums for Live Nation. This could make the Nickelback deal seem expensive for Live Nation if the band's subsequent album sales fail to come close to the numbers it has delivered to date.

"It's kind of tough to say if an artist's best years are behind them," said David Joyce, an analyst at Miller Tabak who has a "buy" rating on Live Nation.

Joyce said Live Nation will profit from the rights to the rest of Nickelback's business, while also distributing the band's music, which has become less expensive with the growth of digital music sales.

The deal between Nickelback and Live Nation could raise questions about the value of a deal Warner Music Group struck in Dec. 2006 to buy a majority



Nickelback's Chad Kroeger.

stake in Road Runner Records for \$73.5 million US. Though Road Runner also has hard rock names like Slipknot, Megadeth

and Stone Sour on its roster, Nickelback is easily its best known band, having sold more than 26 million albums. **REUTERS**

## Burnett sued by ex-partner

**LAWUIT** Television producer Mark Burnett, whose hit show *Survivor* helped ignite the reality TV craze in the United States, has been sued for \$70 million US by a former business partner who claims Burnett has refused to pay his fair share of profits.

Conrad Riggs said in his lawsuit filed in Superior Court in Los Angeles Monday that Burnett, 47, agreed to pay him 10 per cent of future profits in a 1998 deal struck when Burnett, a former British military officer, was breaking into TV. **REUTERS**

## Cynthia's spiteful spending

**DIVORCE** Pals of Alex Rodriguez are speaking out against his wife Cynthia — a day after she alleged infidelity in her divorce papers, *usmagazine.com* reports.

One friend tells New York's *Daily News* that she spent close to \$100,000 on his credit cards to punish him for his relationship with Madonna. (Cynthia's attorney said they had an "affair of the heart.") "She's been spending wildly," the pal tells the paper. After the

scandal broke, the pal says Cynthia flew to Paris and "had spa treatments (and) went to the best restaurants" — all on A-Rod's dime. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Cynthia and Alex Rodriguez.

## Japanese pop star rings in sales

**SENSATION** Thelma's label may describe her as a typically "polite and humble" Japanese pop artist, but the 20-year-old singer is now officially a sales sensation and cultural phenomenon.

With Universal Music Japan (UMJ) suggesting that she may have broken mobile music sales records with her second single, Sobaniirune, the singer — full name Thelma Aoyama — has been catapulted to fashion icon status.

In Japan, a legion of wannabes known as "Thelmars" imitate her look:

She often wears large white headphones and carries a sizable tote bag. There are no plans at present to introduce Thelma to markets beyond Southeast Asia.

Her latest hit track features Japanese rapper SoulJa, who sang the 2007 hit Kokoniiruyo, which Sobaniirune is a response to. Thelma also appeared on the original track. Sobaniirune has sold 3.4 million master ringtones, 2 million full-track downloads and 1.6 million ringback tones, putting it at No. 1 for three months. **REUTERS**

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**CBS** has revealed the identities of the 13 houseguests who will be competing on Big Brother 10, which will premiere this Sunday. "There's somebody for everyone in this cast," Big Brother executive producer Allison Grodner said. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## CD boxed sets face uncertain future

**MUSIC** Have boxed sets lost their commercial luster, or can the configuration still shine when managed properly? Only a handful of enticing boxed sets are due out at year's end. Among them are Rhino's long-in-the-works four-disc Jesus and Mary Chain collection, The Power of Negative Thinking: B-Sides & Rarities; the label's multi-disc Jane's Addiction box, which is being supervised by drummer Stephen Perkins; and anthologies from Rob Zombie, Nina Simone, Roy Orbison, Dolly Parton and Hall & Oates.

One of the most in-demand items is Neil Young's eternally delayed Archives Vol. 1, which will come out only on Blu-ray and not on standard CDs, but it remains unclear if it will finally see the light of day by year's end.

"Boxed-set sales have fallen off the cliff; they went from something tonothing," says Bryan Everitt, director of music purchasing at Hastings Entertainment. "This Christmas we will have a limited selection of boxed sets, the slimmest we have ever offered."

Everitt adds labels need to cut the prices of boxed sets. "Unless the majors seriously look at reducing the price of the boxed set — they still think they should cost US \$39.98 or \$49.98 — sales will continue to slide."

Mike Davis, executive VP/GM of Universal Music Enterprises, says that in response to those very concerns, the reissue specialist has launched a new series, Playlist Plus.

It offers three discs at an affordable price, packaged in a Digipak inside a slipsleeve without any booklets.

Retail sources say the series carries a list price of \$29.99 and a boxset of \$19.58. Acts appearing in the series include the Temptations, Rod Stewart, Marvin Gaye, James Brown, the Allman Brothers Band, the Moody Blues, Kiss and the Velvet Underground.

REUTERS

# Swingtown tries to hold its ground

**GOING DOWN SWINGING:**

ABC's ardent shot at putting quality cable programming in network prime-time isn't going over so well with either critics or advertisers. Swingtown debuted just over a month ago in the unenviable summer slot that once meant contractual obligation and sure death for a show before HBO and Showtime began launching shows in the torrid months, and the subject matter — the games

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demographic.

"It is a shame," a media buyer told the magazine. "When the networks try to push the envelope a little and try to be more like HBO,

the advertisers run away."

played with each other in the greasy aftermath of the '60s — was supposed to see the transplanting of risqué cable content to primetime. Monday saw an Advertising Age story about the show getting stiffed by advertisers, who want to capture the attention of younger viewers, but are still afraid of alienating the older ones who — as recent studies have shown — are still network television's biggest viewer

The closest thing to a rave that the show's gotten so far is Matthew Gilbert in the Boston Globe, who says that after four episodes, it's "almost really good, or, said differently, good enough to reveal how really good it could be." Peter Ames Carlin is a little less lukewarm in his *Idiot Box* column in the Portland Oregonian (great name for a TV column by the way.)

Carlin calls the show a



Susan and Bruce Miller (Molly Parker and Jack Davenport) in a scene from *Swingtown*.

"disaster," while admitting that, as a child of the '70s, he really wanted it to work. He complains about the music first of all, and he's right — given a choice between something really interesting and the most obvious Top 40 shorthand for the era, the show goes for the latter. Even when they shoehorn a Dylan song into the story, it's the painfully obvious — and 12-year-old — It Ain't Me, Babe.

By 1976, there were 17

ter as real people — Grant Show's Tom is really just a delivery system for his moustache. Bruce and Susan — the emotional core of the show, in theory — don't sell their sudden urge to spice up their marriage with a bit of spouse-swapping with any real success, mostly because they don't really seem all that into Tom or Trina, and as Susan's nagging nemesis, Miriam Shor's Janet is all shrew, all the time. Sensing that her prim disapproval was getting wearing, they got her wasted on pot brownies in episode four and practically remade the character between commercial breaks.

Finally, Carlin is right that the kids are the most interesting characters, probably because the people who created it were kids in the first year of the Carter presidency, when the adults were acting like kids and the kids felt positively middle-aged with prescient anxiety, but that might be too little, too late.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

## critics' corner

### Supernatural

Who knew vampires had their own version of a date-rape drug? Sam and Dean (Jared Padalecki, Jensen Ackles) meet a female vampire (Mercedes McNab, "Buff the Vampire Slayer") who has no idea how she got that way. Turns out there's a vampire dude (Matthew Humphreys) who's hitting the bars and giving women blood cocktails. He also works his magic on Gordon (Sterling K. Brown), making him a more powerful adversary, in "Fresh Blood." 8 PM on SPACE 9 PM on ACCESS



### Smallville

If you've seen the movie "My Super Ex-Girlfriend," you know the dangers of messing with a girl who has superpowers. In this episode, Lana (Kristin Kreuk) absorbs Clark's (Tom Welling) powers and breaks into Lex's (Michael Rosenbaum) safe. She picks up some incriminating information and takes it to Lois and Grant (Erica Durance, Michael Cassidy), demanding an expose. Grant refuses, so Lana takes on Lex herself. This is gonna get ugly. 7 PM on SPACE

### CSI: NY

Flack. Don Flack. The dapper detective (Eddie Cahill) gets to unleash his inner 007 when a guy breaks into his girlfriend's apartment and escapes in the coolest car this side of the Batmobile. Flack grabs a cab to chase the burglar, but one of the getaway car's tricks is the ability to make a wall of fire to block pursuers. When the guy is killed, Mac (Gary Sinise) and his team discover he was involved in stealing identities as well as jewels. 8 PM on CFCN

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**Jada Pinkett Smith** has called in Hollywood's Dog Whisperer Cesar Millan to train her pets to avoid rattlesnakes. The actress was devastated when her beloved pooch Rocco died after a rattlesnake attack and she now feels compelled to make sure her other dogs stay away from danger. [IMDb.com](http://IMDb.com)

## Celebrity Buzz

# McConaughey first-time father

**FATHERHOOD** Hollywood star Matthew McConaughey and his girlfriend are "elated" after the birth of their first child, a baby boy, [imdb.com](http://imdb.com) reports.

Brazilian model Camila Alves gave birth to a seven pound, four ounce son at 6:22 p.m. in Los Angeles on Monday night, the actor's representative Alan Nierob confirms to *People.com*.

In a statement to *Ok!* magazine, McConaughey says, "Camila and I were side by side the entire time."

"We are both tired and elated, and are so

happy to have created the greatest miracle in the world — having a child and making a family. Now comes the greatest adventure — raising one, together."

The Wedding Planner star announced the news he and Alves were expecting on his official website in January.

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## Barrymore, Long break up

**RELATIONSHIPS** Hollywood couple Drew Barrymore and Justin Long have split less than four months after the actress cooed about her lover on TV talk show Oprah, [imdb.com](http://imdb.com) reports.

Back in March, the Charlie's Angels star told TV host Oprah Winfrey she was mad about Long.

She said her romance with the Dodgeball actor was "healthy, productive, supportive and full of humour."

A spokesman for Barrymore tells America's Star magazine, "I can confirm the split but have no other comment."

The couple started dating in August after meeting on the set of upcoming

movie He's Just Not That Into You. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



## celebrity brief

### Allen and Simons together again

**ROMANCE** Lily Allen is dating Chemical Brothers star Ed Simons again, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports.

The singer, 23, is believed to have reconciled with the 38-year-old after revealing she is no longer single on Facebook social networking website Monday.

Both Lily and Ed — who ended their three-month re-

lationship earlier this year shortly after Lily suffered a miscarriage — altered the status on their personal profiles to "in a relationship." The couple were then swamped with messages of congratulations from friends. The reunited couple have been spotted together on numerous occasions in recent weeks.

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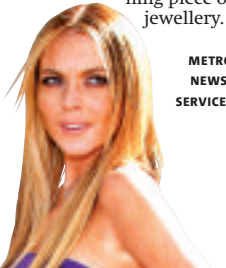


## celebrity brief

### Lohan given ring from Samantha

**GIFT** Lindsay Lohan has been given a \$22,000 "commitment" ring by girlfriend Samantha Ronson, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports. The actress was taken shopping by the DJ last week to celebrate her 22nd birthday and was thrilled when Sam splashed out on the stunning piece of jewellery.

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### Jolie wants natural birth: Doc

**CHILDBIRTH** The pregnant Angelina Jolie is holding steady — and enjoying reruns of Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman. Dr. Michel Sussmann told [starmagazine.com](http://starmagazine.com) that Angelina hopes that babies will be born naturally — not via C-section.

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### Prince building house in Africa

**CHARITY** Prince Harry is once again raising a hand to help the AIDS-stricken African nation of Lesotho, this time building a special-needs school with his army buddies from the Household Cavalry's Blues and Royals regiment, [people.com](http://people.com) reports. Harry, 23, says he hopes the facility in the northern town of Buthe will be the first of many that can be provided by his Sentebale charitable foundation, reports Britain's Telegraph.

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### Ashlee freaked about pounds

**BODY IMAGE** Four-months-pregnant Ashlee Simpson-Wentz has become Little Miss Obsessive about her new baby body, [starmagazine.com](http://starmagazine.com) reports. The pop singer is so surprised she's gained so much so fast — 20 pounds already — that she's working out six days a week with Mike Alexander, sister Jessica's ex trainer. She's doing low-impact exercises, such as riding the stationary bike and Pilates.

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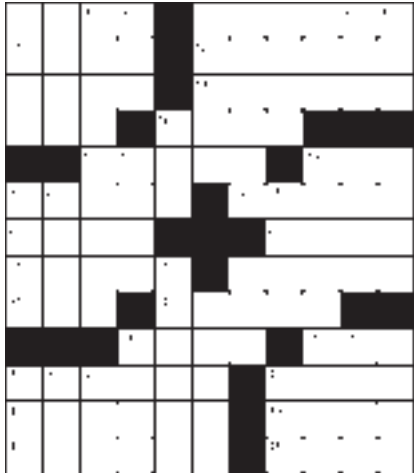
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**Former Village People** lead singer Victor Willis is recovering in hospital following vocal cord surgery. Willis, the band's original policeman, had surgery at a San Diego, California, hospital on Monday to remove nodules from his vocal cords. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**

## Take Five



### Crossword down

- 1 Gag
- 2 Theater award
- 3 Home for a raccoon, perhaps
- 4 Tennis need
- 5 You're reading them
- 6 Telescope parts
- 7 Sunup site
- 8 Part of college e-mail addresses
- 9 Sermon topic
- 10 Sch. subj.
- 16 Apiece
- 18 Honey bunch
- 19 Ability to drink a lot
- 20 Egg outline
- 21 Corrals
- 22 Loaded
- 23 Ibsen's home
- 25 Squad
- 29 Has leftovers, say
- 30 Limit
- 33 Minimal amount
- 34 One or two
- 36 Put up
- 37 Addition column
- 38 Disfigure
- 39 Rage
- 40 Subway aid
- 41 Common verb

### Crossword across

- 1 With 5-Across, "Fawltly Towers" star
- 5 See 1-Across
- 11 Bassoon's kin
- 12 Prologue
- 13 Scot's skirt
- 14 Overlooked
- 15 Slippery one
- 16 Nudnik
- 17 Corpulent
- 19 Bound
- 22 Crew member
- 24 Kitchen sight
- 26 Map dot
- 27 Dash
- 28 Conclusion
- 30 Phones up
- 31 Greedy one
- 32 Texas mission
- 34 Dance part
- 35 Owl's question
- 38 Flowering tree
- 41 Astronaut Shepard
- 42 Dumas character
- 43 Thinker Descartes
- 44 Mend one's ways
- 45 Quiche base

### This day in history

**JULY 9, 1948:** Pakistan issued first set of Postage stamp, having image of Constituent Assembly, Jinnah International Airport (Quaid-e-Azam International Airport), and Shahi Fort.

**JULY 9, 1986:** The New Zealand Parliament passes the Homosexual Law Reform Act making homosexuality legal in New Zealand.

**JULY 9, 1991:** South Africa is reintroduced into the Olympic movement after 30 years of exclusion.

**JULY 9, 2002:** The African Union was established in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

**STICKELERS**  
by Terry Stickeler

Which one of the numbers below would you expect to see eventually, if the sequence continued in this pattern?

606, 612, 618, 624, 630, 636 ...

a) 10,267  
b) 75,282  
c) 4,262  
d) 1,000,003

Previous Answer

"The odd word out is 'gumshoe'. The others have four consecutive vowels."

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### Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

#### ARIES

**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

Unfinished business must be cleared up. A man will make hesitant moves. Answer an interrogator with frankness.

#### TAURUS

**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

Don't do anything just to continue a relationship. Someone will annoy everyone. A bad job is closer to completion.

#### GEMINI

**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Fulfill all your tasks but don't wear yourself out. Peace of mind is hard to find. Unexpected news makes the rounds.

#### CANCER

**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

A love affair will ripen. A rushed guy will get nasty. You're better off to take responsibility and admit to any mistakes.

#### LEO

**JULY 23-AUG 23**

Wait two days before reaching out for love. Contact will be made with a shady character. Prepare to pick up where you left off.

#### VIRGO

**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

Use cunning to find a way around obstructions. A sweetheart will give an ultimatum. A dependency might break a bad connection.

#### LIBRA

**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

A celestial alliance occurs in a romance. A jolly visitor brings good luck. Your self-denial won't alter a concept of reality.

#### SCORPIO

**OCT 24-NOV 22**

There'll be a spat with a petty person. A brief financial problem must be withstood. A child interferes with your playing.

#### SAGITTARIUS

**NOV 23-DEC 21**

A friend needs help when challenging ethical codes. You'll empathize with a comical gnome. Anticipate a celebration.

#### CAPRICORN

**DEC 22-JAN 20**

Risk being honest about your flaws. A digression will only distract an adversary temporarily. Contacting a loser will help with a job.

#### AQUARIUS

**JAN 21-FEB 18**

Good news about a rapid recovery will come. Prepare for a blip in your routine. You won't be held back by an astonishing request.

#### PISCES

**FEB 19-MAR 20**

Mistakes are made but don't take it to heart. Steer clear of a menacing manager. Your truthfulness is keeping you out of the loop.

### Sudoku

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

#### SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13 ..... Genius  
13-17 ..... Scholar  
17-21 ..... Smart

previous day's answer

8	9	6	5	1	7	2	4	3
2	4	3	8	6	9	7	1	5
1	7	5	4	3	2	6	8	9
5	6	1	7	2	4	9	3	8
4	3	2	9	8	1	5	7	6
9	8	7	6	5	3	1	2	4
3	1	9	2	4	6	8	5	7
7	5	4	1	9	8	3	6	2
6	2	8	3	7	5	4	9	1

21-25 ..... Not bad  
25+ ..... Keep practicing

## Calgary weather

#### Afternoon



**Thunder-showers.**  
16°

#### Tonight



**Partly cloudy.**  
Low 11°

#### Thursday



**Mainly sunny.**  
18° / 6°

#### Friday



**Partly cloudy.**  
17° / 6°

#### Saturday



**Mainly sunny.**  
20° / 7°



#### Temperature Normals

High: 24.1°  
Low: 8.8°

#### Records

High: 32.8°/1905  
Low: 1.7°/1935

Sunrise: 5:32 a.m.

Sunset: 9:49 p.m.

Moonset: 12:13 a.m.

Moonrise: 1:57 p.m.

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